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SESSION -- EVALUATION OF UNIDO ACTIVI-

TIES - AGENDA ITEM 5.

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAS CIRCULATED NOTE ON EVALUATION OF UNIDO ACTIVITIES (ID/B/C. 3/14) FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER PC-IV AGENDA ITEM 5. NOTE IS OSTENSIBLY RESPONSE TO CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN DISCUSSION OF UNIDO EVALUATION PROGRAM AT PC-11 (PARA 163, ID/B/135) WHICH INTER ALIA STATED (A) THAT A STANDARD METHODOLOGY FOR EVALUATION WAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED DESIRABLE AND NOTED THAT EX DIR WOULD REPORT ON THIS TO THE BOARD AND (B) THAT EX DIR SHOULD INFORM PC ABOUT FURTHER PROGRAM COMPONENTS FOR FUTURE EVALUATION.

2. NOTE CONSISTS OF EXTREMELY BRIEF DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT OF UNIDO EVALUATION ACTIVITIES WHICH BREAK DOWN INTO COUNTRY AND SECTORAL EVALUATIONS. ONLY SIGNIFICANT NEW BIT OF INFORMATION PROVIDED CONCERNS "GUIDE LINES" ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT FOR "DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA, THE COORDINATION OF THE WORK AND THE EVALUATION, ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIS OF EXPERIENCE, OF A STANDARD METHODOLOGY"

FOR THE PREPARATION OF COUNTRY EVALUATION REPORTS (PARA 3). IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US THAT THESE GUIDE LINES CARRY THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVALUATION METHODOLOGY VERY FAR BEYOND WHERE MATTERS STOOD AT PC-II, BUT MISSION ASSUMES THEY WILL BE REVIEWED BY WASHINGTON AND US DEL PROVIDED WITH APPROPRIATE COMMENTS FOR USE DURING PC-IV DISCUSSION. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE GUIDE LINES MAKE NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE MANNER IN WHICH UNIDO COUNTRY EVALUATIONS ARE TIED INTO UNDP'S OWN EVALUATION PROGRAM.

3. RE SECTORAL OR BRANCH EVALUATIONS CARRIED OUT ON A GLOBAL BASIS, THE NOTE STATES THAT THESE COVER THE ORIENTATION OF WORK IN A SPECIFIC SECTOR, THE NATURE OF FIELD PROJECTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PROMOTIONAL ASPECTS INCLUDING INVESTMENT OR MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES IN BOTH INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES IN UNIDO AND FUTURE TRENDS. THE EX DIRECTOR STATES THAT ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SECTORAL EVALUATION STUDIES IS TO OBTAIN THE IDB'S VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIDO'S ACTIVITIES IN THE SECTOR BEING EVALUATED. IN COMPLIANCE WITH PC-II'S REQUEST, ADVANCE NOTICE IS GIVEN OF SECTORAL EVALUATION REPORTS PLANNED FOR IDB/IX. THESE ARE TO COVER IRON AND STEEL, INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AND THE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO PREPARATION, EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. (NO FORECAST OF COUNTRY EVALUATIONS IS GIVEN SINCE THESE DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS WITH COUNTRIES INCLUDED ON THE SECRETARIAT'S LIST OF POSSIBILITIES.)

4. THE NOTE MAKES APPROPRIATE MENTION OF THE PARTICIPATION BY A UNIDO STAFF MEMBER IN AID'S EVALUATION SEMINAR IN JUNE 1973 AND THE VISIT TO UNIDO IN OCTOBER OF TWO MEMBERS OF AID'S EVALUATION UNIT IN CONNECTION WITH ASSISTANCE TO UNIDO FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD. STIBRAVY

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